

TRADEWINDS

New Mini Mart Opens At NCTAMS PAC

By LTJG D. Oliver

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New NEX & Barber Shop

Not even the rain could dampen the festivities on October 10th at Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station, Pacific when some 30 customers attended the Grand Opening of the newest NEX Mini Mart.

Despite the drizzle, the balloons and bunting were out in full force to announce to the base that the Mini Mart was open for business!

Captain Laura Marlowe, NCTAMS PAC Commanding Officer, and Mr. Ed McMichael, store manager, cut the ceremonial meile as Commander Christina Ward, NCTAMS PAC Chief Staff Officer and Mr. Mike Cottrell, Director Navy Exchange Hawaii District looked on. With the meile cut, customers had full access to all the amenities that the new complex offered including self-serve gas lanes, a modern barbershop, and a full suite of vending machines for 24-hour convenience.

After the official ceremonies customers filed in to purchase an assortment of goodies as well as sign up for the Grand Opening Prize Drawing. The prizes, which were drawn on the 15th of October, included 12, \$100 shopping sprees, autographed Ken Griffey Jr. and Sammy Sosa baseballs, and a 27-inch JVC television.



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. From left to right:: CDR Ward, CAPT Marlowe, Ed McMichaels & Mike Cottrell.

Ground was broken for the new Mini Mart back in February of 2000 using NEX funds and Construction Battalion labor. After 20 long months of anxious anticipation, the residents and employees of NCTAMS PAC finally have a one-stop shop for all of their convenience needs. In the words of OS2 (SW) Brian Krause, "I think it's awesome!"



First hair cut

Contributions Appreciated



MS2 Hogstrom and SK2 Stephens collect donations outside of Pearl Harbor commissary for Operation Aloha

NCTAMS PAC kicked off its annual Operation Aloha with a canned food drive Saturday, the 20th of October at Schofield and Pearl Harbor Commissaries. Volunteers dedicated the better part of their day to collecting canned and non-perishable goods for redistribution to needy North Shore residents this coming Thanksgiving. In the

event that you missed the food drive on the 20th, two more food drives are scheduled for Pearl Harbor commissary on the 10th and 17th of November. Additionally, you may contribute anytime at any one of our donation boxes situated strategically around NCTAMS. Help your shipmates bring a little Aloha to the North Shore this Thanksgiving - contribute!

Any questions regarding Operation Aloha may be directed to NCTAMS PAC Public Affairs Officer at 653-5286. Volunteers are always welcome!!

Captain's Call



CAPT Laura Marlowe

The way we are doing business has been fundamentally changed. Just as the world changed forever on September 11th, so have our mission requirements and our priorities. What we once considered to be our primary mission has now taken a back seat to a more pressing concern. Force protection has become

our number one mission. We must protect the mission we do here because it is vital to the war on terrorism.

Since September 11th NCTAMS PAC has been in a heightened security posture and I don't see that that is likely to change any time soon. Our current security requirements alone call for 35 personnel to man the Auxiliary Security Force. Although this may seem like a small number, it has already begun to impact our mission. As a case in point, we have recently been unable to repair vital equipment due to personnel assignments to the ASF. We will eventually be able to resolve this issue, however it will require significant extra effort and flexibility by all of those involved.

Along with the new force protection mission come some additional realities. For example, the NECs that are specific to our command are in high demand in the fight against terrorism. I expect to see more tasking involving NCTAMS PAC personnel augmenting mission critical billets in Bahrain and Diego Garcia. As most of you know, we were undermanned to begin with, particularly I the IT rating.

As our tasking multiplies and our personnel get assigned TAD, our manning issues are exacerbated. A likely result is that four-section duty for watch standers will probably become a luxury.

Continue to be vigilant and to exercise caution, both at work and while on liberty. Take into consideration the security posture island-wide and plan extra time accordingly into your schedule. The guards at the gate and building 261 put in arduous 12-hour shifts, rain or shine. It is an unglamorous but necessary job. So, when they pull you aside to search your vehicle, please remember that they are doing their job to ensure the safety of our very vital mission of communications support to the fleet. Please be courteous and patient and make everyone's job easier.

Despite the hardships that we are all enduring, I urge all of you to continue to be patient with the inconveniences security requires. There is no near-term end to the situation at hand. The war on terrorism is going to be a long-term pursuit. I am proud of the job you are all doing and know you will put forth the extra effort required as a member of the NCTAMS PAC team.

Chaplain's Corner



LCDR (sel) Cynthia K. Bye

By SK1 (SW) D. Orias

I recently had the pleasure of meeting and interviewing NCTAMS PAC's new chaplain, LCDR (sel) Cynthia K. Bye. In the brief 45 minutes that we spoke, she struck me as an obvious professional with a down to earth demeanor. Her sincere enthusiasm and spirituality inspired

a sense of warm familiarity - qualities well suited to a Navy Chaplain.

Originally from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Chaplain Bye completed her undergraduate studies at Mount Mercy College. She subsequently graduated from Wortburge Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa in 1992. In 1994, seeking the challenges of job diversity, she joined the Navy Chaplain Corps. She served her first tour as a Navy Chaplain assigned to Twenty-nine Palms, California. Her follow on tour was spent in beautiful Monterey, California. After 6 years of service, Chaplain Bye left the Navy for a well deserved yearlong sabbatical.

Grounded, centered, and spiritually refreshed, Chaplain Bye once again cast her lot with the United States Navy, rejoining the service in September of 2001. Her one-year sabbatical had stoked an inner fire compelling her to reassess her need and aspirations for a more challenging role. Her calling was to care for the needs of the diverse family that is the Navy. And, in answering that calling, she has found herself at NCTAMS PAC, ready to provide the guidance, com-

fort, and succor that are the hallmarks of a Navy Chaplain.

Chaplain Bye's goals for her tenure at NCTAMS PAC are to take care of the needs of the community and the command. A strong proponent of familial ties, she would also like to work on strengthening the bonds of community on base. Given her evident sense of duty, it is not hard to envision her accomplishing her pastoral objectives!

When Chaplain Bye is not tending to the needs of her extended Navy family, she spends time with her husband, David, an English teacher, and her two Tonkinese cats, Ginger and Sophie. Her four grown children - Lesley, Renee, Brian, and Casey - all live on the mainland.

I know I speak for all when I say that we look forward to spending time with Chaplain Bye and her family as they settle and grow into the NCTAMS PAC ohana. As members of her pastoral and Navy family we wish her a hearty aloha, and welcome aboard!

Help Feed Hawaii



By LTJG D. Oliver

The rains and North Shore swells are here at last and with them comes NCTAMS PAC's annual community outreach program, Operation Aloha. Operation Aloha will be held November 22nd, Thanksgiving Day, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Waialua Community Association Center.

Operation Aloha is NCTAMS PAC's opportunity to give thanks and assistance back to the North Shore community. Members of the naval communications station, situated 3 miles north of

Wahiawa, dedicate countless hours of personal time - including a portion of their Thanksgiving Holiday - to serve up a first class Thanksgiving meal to less fortunate North Shore residents. After a meal consisting of roast turkey, Virginia baked ham, baked sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, dressing and gravy, dinner rolls, and of course a variety of delicious pies, bags of canned and non-perishable goods are handed out as the diners leave. Last year, over 350 meals were served and 500 bags of groceries were handed out!

Thanksgiving is naturally not complete without some traditional family entertainment. This year, as in years past, the entertainment will come in the form of Hawaiian Hula dances. And, for those children that have been especially well behaved, Santa Claus and his elves have been known to pay a North Shore Thanksgiving visit.

Planning and hosting an event of this magnitude takes a veritable mountain of effort and assistance. Volunteers participate in several canned food drives and fund raising events in the weeks leading up to the big day. In addition to the efforts of the volunteers, several com-

munity businesses in the past have donated food, money and material. Any assistance rendered from any corner of the community is, of course, always welcome. Individuals or businesses interested in making a monetary or non-perishable food donation, or simply would like more information regarding Operation Aloha, may contact NCTAMS PAC Public Affairs Officer at 653-5286 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.



226th Navy Enlisted Birthday Ball



Photo courtesy of U.S. Navy

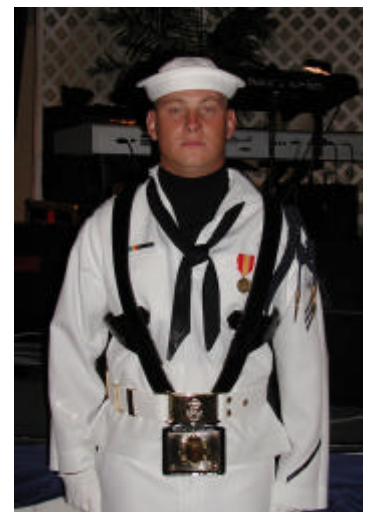
By ET1 (SW) G. Coon

It was a night of pride and celebration for the birth of the greatest naval force in the world the United States Navy. In attendance were Sailors and Marine Corp service members all of whom enjoyed food, festivities, music and a moving speech from Commander Naval Region Hawaii, RADM Conway.

The Admiral touched on many topics resulting from the tragedy of Sept 11th terrorist attacks upon the World Trade Center.

He spoke of our nation's resolve, our new found unity, our mission, our freedoms, and our commitment to win the war against terrorism.

Inspired by the Admirals speech and the singing of our National Anthem, God Bless America, and Proud to be an American by the Navy Band. Glasses were charged and toasts were rendered to the Commander in Chief and to the United States Navy.



NCTAMS CHIEFS MAKE A RAINBOW FOR CHILDREN



By ITC (SW) C. Wolfe

The Shriners Hospital for Children was the recipient of a \$740.05 donation from the proceeds of the Second Annual Rainbow Run, organized by the Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station, Pacific Chief Petty Officer's Association (NCTAMS PAC CPOA). The Custom Company also provided sponsorship for the event. 145 entrants signed up to join the Chiefs supporting the local community by participating in a fun run which took place August 25 at Blaisdell Park.

84 runners of all ages started off at 7:00 AM choosing either a three or five mile course. There was also a one-mile event for children. Trophies were awarded to the top three competitors in each event. The Top Three finishers in the 5 mile run were Joe Laturnau (31:36), Phil Edelen (32:35) and David Lower (33:04). The top three runners in the 3 mile category were Jason Byrne (16:24), Val Umphress (17:57), and Roger Tseng (22:59). Manu Tupper, eight years old, was the youngest runner to complete the five mile run with a time of 1 hour 44 minutes, 23 seconds. Naoto Inada was the eldest finishers in the five-mile run. Candice Barfield, Tracy Boyd, and Angela Barfield were the speediest in the one-mile Keiki run.

The NCTAMS PAC Chief Petty Officer's Association initiated the Rainbow Run in August 2000 to encourage community relationships.

Fun And Food At Bluto's



By LTJG D. Oliver

Not too long ago, an entertaining Saturday night at NCTAMS PAC went something like this:

- 1400 – 1800: Watch 4 consecutive hours of *Little House on the Prairie*.
- 1800 – 1900: Try to classify the crickets chirping outside your window by determining the frequency and pitch variations of their leg vibrations – a technique you learned by watching 4 consecutive hours of PBS the past weekend.
- 1900 – 1915: Shoes in hand commence a search and destroy mission for that insanely annoying cricket outside your window.

- 1915 – 2100: Count the cars driving up and down Center Street.
- 2100 – 2200: Explain to the CDO and Base Security why you were seen barking like a dog and chasing cars up and down Center Street.
- 2200 - ??? : Tune the TV back to *Little House on the Prairie*...

Thus was spent another Saturday night at NCTAMS. Thankfully, with the opening of a new entertainment venue on Center Street, this is no longer the case!

Bluto's, formerly known as the Surf Taco, re-opened for business in September under new management. Owner/operator, Mr. Darryl Carter, has big plans for his remodeled establishment, all of which revolve around providing an enter-

taining family environment for the residents and visitors of the base.

Currently Bluto's offers a full service menu ranging from chili-cheese fries and combination pizzas to local style cuisine, all of which are available for delivery on base! Mr. Carter intends to expand his menu with time but for now is sticking with the traditional favorites.

Beyond offering an exciting culinary venue, Bluto's also boasts an eclectic entertainment option. For the aspiring karaoke rock star, there are two sound insulated recording studios in the rear of the restaurant. Yes, recording studios... as in you can record your superior version of *My Way* and keep a disc for all your friends, relatives and victims to be subjected to! In addition to the studios, there is a dance floor and pool table for the less 'musically' inclined. For the sports fanatic, there is a big screen TV in the main dining room that is perfect for watching the latest sporting events...or *Little House on the Prairie*!

Bluto's, located adjacent to the NEX Mini Mart is open from 1100 to 1900 Monday through Sunday. Mr. Carter plans to extend the hours of operation after the grand opening which is tentatively scheduled for the month of November.

So, if you ever again find yourself sucking exhaust on Center Street on a Saturday night, do yourself a favor and rest your dogs at Bluto's. The food and ambience are perfect for capping off a lazy Saturday at NCTAMS.

A Little Thrift Goes A Long Way

By IT2 (SW) R. Bohannon

The THRIFT SAVINGS PLAN (TSP) open season for military members began 09 October 2001. Only active duty or reservists in a pay status are eligible to participate. The TSP is the newest financial benefit available to service members.

TSP, like most savings and investment options, allows your account to grow from the interest earnings on your contributions. Those earnings, in turn, accrue yet more earnings. This process, known as compounding, works best as a long-term investment strategy.

Adding to the attractiveness of the TSP is the fact that your contributions are drawn from pre-tax dollars thereby saving you money on taxes at the same time! In addition, TSP earnings are tax-deferred. This means you don't pay fed-

eral (and, in most cases, state) income taxes on your contributions on earnings until you withdraw the money - usually at retirement, when you are in a lower tax bracket.

The TSP allows the investor the flexibility to contribute as much as seven percent of base pay in 2002 as well as any amount of incentive pay or special pay, including bonus pay, up to the Internal Revenue Service limits.

You can diversify your TSP investment among five different investment funds. Administrative and investment expenses associated with these funds are very low, and you can easily change the amounts you allocate to the different funds at any time by using the TSP's web site, calling the THRIFTLINE (TSP's Interactive voice response system), or mailing

in a form. You can also transfer your TSP account to an eligible retirement plan when you leave federal service.

For additional information on the Thrift Savings Plan, visit www.tsp.gov.



Captains Cup Sports

FOOTBALL

By ET1 (SW) G. Coon

The Captains Cup 2001 Football regular season is at its end. The competition between the teams in the regular season has been exciting, action packed, and guaranteed to heat up in the upcoming Play-offs. Come out and support your division. Play-offs began on the 24th of October.

SCHEDULE AND RESULTS:

<u>Game</u>	<u>Results</u>	<u>Game</u>	<u>Results</u>
9-26, Wed		10-10, Wed	
N63 vs N31(w)	46-0	N63 vs N21(w)	41-12
N21(w) vs N61	38-18	N61/005(w) vs N31	18-0
10-3, Wed		10-17, Wed	
N31(W) vs N21	36-0	N63 vs N31(w)	28-6
N31(w) vs N21	36-15	N61/005 vs N21	18-0
N61/005(w) vs N63	26-6		
10-22, Mon		<u>Standings</u>	Wins: Losses:
N63 vs N21(w)	26-12	N31	4 1
		N61/005	4 1
		N21	3 3
		N63	0 5



Have an upcoming event? Announce it here! Call 653-5286 or complete the form below and send to N7.

**Event Announcement Request
Form**

Month Of Event:

Day Of Event:

Year :

Description of event:

Name:

Rank:

Division:

Phone #:

NCTAMS PAC November
Calendar and Schedule Of Events

November 2001

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NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

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Group Exercise
11:15–12:15
* PRT Training

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Group Exercise
11:15–12:15
*Kick Boxing

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Veterans Day

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Group Exercise
11:15–12:15
* PRT Training
**Veteran's Day
Observed**

13

Group Exercise
11:15–12:15
*Kick Boxing

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Group Exercise
11:15–12:15
* PRT Training

20

Group Exercise
11:15–12:15
*Kick Boxing

21

**Thanksgiving
Day**

**Operation
Aloha**

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Group Exercise
11:15–12:15
* PRT Training

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Group Exercise
11:15–12:15
*Kick Boxing

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- **Date** — Advertise Your Event Here!
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Bravo Zul u



Congratulations!

IT1 Churchwell (N34) for selection to First Class Petty Officer of the Quarter.

IT2 Baker (N35) for selection to Second Class Petty Officer of the Quarter.

ET3 Roberge (N63) for selection as Blue Jackets Sailor of the Quarter.

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